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In re Applicant: POPOV, Sergey
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Examiner: M. Hayes

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR § 1.499

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action in the instant application mailed October 16, 2003, in which Applicant is directed to elect and identify a single species within the elected Group I claims.

Applicant regrets the oversight of not having elected a species in response to the previous Office Action and expresses appreciation for the Examiner's one-month extension for reply.

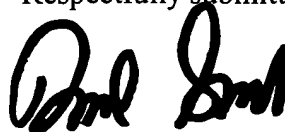
Applicant hereby elects the species defined by the Examiner as species 1, drawn to Figs. 1 and 2, and identifies claims 96 – 99 and 101 as being directed towards species 1.

Please note that Applicant is not in possession of Page 3 of the previous Office Action listing species 10-15 and providing instructions for election of species, and would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of Page 3.

This response is believed to be timely filed, and no additional fees are believed due. However, The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 501380 any fee which is necessary in connection with the filing of this response.

Favorable action on this response is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel J. Swirsky', written in a cursive style.

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